

British Values at SPH

Our mission is for our students to be effective citizens, equipped with the values, knowledge and behaviour which will enable them to become a full member of our society and democracy in the United Kingdom.



We have embedded **learning to develop self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence** in our curriculum, through acts of worship and in extra-curricular opportunities. Knowing how to behave appropriately, whilst accepting responsibility for their actions whether in school or not, forms part of regular discussion with students.

We stress the importance of active learning in our curriculum through which all students are given opportunities to develop effective leadership and team working skills. Students are given the opportunity to practise the skills needed to collaborate with others.

Every student participates in acts of worship, year group assemblies and tutor time prayer which incorporate quiet moments of reflection. Such acts of worship, which are regularly led by students, include consideration of our responsibility to others and to ourselves.

Students take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities which aid the development of leadership skills and promote learning how to be part of a team. These activities include music groups, sports, art, science and IT clubs, Duke of Edinburgh, environmental groups in addition to engagement with local, national and international communities through BBC Schools Report and the Send My Friend to School campaign.

We reinforce knowledge of **our laws, public institutions and services** in Citizenship and Law lessons through visits from a range of speakers, discussion in tutor time and in our weekly assemblies.

Our Citizenship curriculum ensures that all students have access to knowledge about our public institutions. Students learn about the role of government and our monarch. Students learn about how laws are made, that they are created to protect us and the rationale behind them.

Being involved in such programmes as "Speakers for Schools", provides students with the chance to hear from and speak to influential members of our society; previous speakers have included a former Assistant Secretary General from the United Nations, a former Ambassador to China and the High Sherriff of West Sussex.

The PCSO is a regular visitor to our school, speaking to our students about a range of law and order matters. Year 7 students learn about the functions of our emergency services, welcoming members of the Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and Police, as part of our "Competence Curriculum".

BBC employees have regularly visited us to help with media work, including hosting BBC Radio 4 "Any Questions", which also gave our students contact with local MPs.

We encourage our students to **respect and participate in democracy** through our participation in local and national youth parliaments. Preparing for election to these parliaments involves developing an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process.

Elections for the UK and West Sussex Youth Parliaments were given high priority across the school. The candidates prepared manifestos, displayed election posters and gave speeches at hustings. Nearly 92% students voted on our election day. Two students have been elected as members of the UKYP, six students now sit on West Sussex Youth Council, two on Arun Youth Council; in addition two students have been selected to work with the Children's Commission.

All students are given a voice: they are offered the chance to be part of our Junior Leadership Team and to be a member of a year group council. Through representation of the student body, these groups provide an important voice in assisting the future development of our school.



We have held the International School Award since 2009 in recognition of our work with people in other countries and how we encourage **respect for different cultural traditions and faiths**; indeed this is at the heart of our work. We stress the importance of rejecting and combatting racial or other discrimination, with the knowledge that the freedom to hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law.

Our partnerships with European and African countries provide our students with direct links to their peers in other countries, some of whom are members of a different faith group. Working with our British Council link countries in Rwanda and Uganda enables our students to learn about the similarities and differences in their daily lives.

Visits to France, Spain and Germany give our students the opportunity to experience life in other countries at first-hand. Visiting teachers from other countries, including Rwanda, Uganda, Poland, Spain and France discuss life in their own country.

The Gospel values of showing love for your neighbour are at the heart of all we do. Through assemblies, tutor time and lessons all are reminded that everyone is valuable and deserves to be treated as such.

We help our students to see and understand how they can **contribute positively to the lives** of those living and working in the locality of the school and to wider society through regular liaison with other schools, local councils and a range of charitable organisations.

Students have the opportunity to work with others in the area through a range of sporting, dance, IT, language-learning and music events. Our students assist children from local primary schools with development in a range of areas.

We welcome members of the local Parish Councils and support them with their work on neighbourhood plans. We are working on a local travel plan with West Sussex County Council and regularly work with the Sussex Rail Community Partnership, through which we won a national award.

We support local events, including the Barnham Station and Bognor Pier 150th anniversaries, providing art work and creative writing for display. Fund-raising for local charities is an essential part of our work. We support local community carol singing and run our annual "Carols by Candlelight" afternoon for the elderly people in the local area.